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In Re The Application of:
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For: CONTROL SYSTEM FOR A
HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Official Action dated February 21, 2002, please amend the claims as set forth below. As required, clean versions of the replacement paragraphs and claims that incorporate the amendments are attached.

In the Claims:

9. The control system of claim 8 wherein said external electronic device displays on said display device [status information] data relating to the operating status of the household appliance.